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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Preparation of a National Intelligence  
Situation Summary During Periods of  
International Crisis

1. As you know, the responsiveness of the intelligence community's products to the needs of national consumers is one of my paramount interests. One area of particular concern to me is that of intelligence reporting and analysis during a major crisis. There is, unfortunately, a high degree of repetitiveness and overlap in the community's crisis products, and this has been noted by our consumers.

2. For this reason I think we should try to determine the feasibility of producing single national intelligence situation reports during times of crisis.

3. In the spirit of learning to walk before we run, I think we need to test our capability to produce such a product. Dick Lehman has suggested that one way of doing this would be to agree upon some sensitive area which is currently not in crisis for our test. Then have the principal production agencies devote a few hours, one day a week to testing our capability--including our communications capability--to produce a real time national intelligence situation report.

4. I suggest that we form an ad hoc committee under the aegis of the Intelligence Community Staff to examine the feasibility of this proposal. We worked out the modus operandi for the National Intelligence Bulletin in this way, and a similarly structured committee could make specific recommendations concerning such a test and the production of an intelligence community crisis report.

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5. If we all agree, I would propose that we form the committee now and then start tests around the first of February.

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W. E. Colby  
Chairman

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